

# In Case You Missed It

## June 2021



## Policy Update

### Missed Opportunities

At the end of June, the General Assembly hurriedly presented a budget package, passed it, and adjourned for the summer. Due to federal assistance provided through the American Recovery Act, this year's state budget didn't generate the usual drama. But the quick closure also meant several other opportunities were left unmet.

Visit the website for a **rundown** of where key items stand until the legislature returns in the fall.

[Read](#)

## From Seed to Site



PEC's legacy mine land reforestation initiative exploded in 2021, more than doubling the total number of acres planted since the program first launched. Follow a few of this year's 122 thousand seedlings on their journey from DCNR's forest nursery to planting sites all over Pennsylvania.

Watch

## PEC Blog

### Bringing New Narratives to the Circuit Trails



**TrailOff** is a mobile app – free to download on iPhones and Androids – that brings new narratives to ten **Circuit Trails** in and around Philadelphia. Inside the app, you will discover audio stories written by local authors inspired by their experience walking on a trail.

You can also access all of the TrailOff stories on Spotify and Soundcloud!

Read more [here](#).

### Get Outside With PEC

After a year of virtual events, PEC is excited to

host or support a lineup of outdoor recreation activities this summer and fall.

We have running, walking, cycling, and paddling events – so whatever your preferred form of recreation, there's probably an event for you.

View a Storymap of upcoming events [here](#).



## More from the PEC Blog...

- [Periodical Wonders](#)
- [Newly Funded Trail Projects Reflect Diversity of PA's Trails](#)
- [Trail Management Structures in PA](#)

## Join the Environment Ride Community !

### 2021 PEC Environment Ride

Although Early Bird Registration is now closed, it's not too late to join the riders who have already committed for this year's **Environment Ride**. Don't miss out!

This year's ride will highlight water issues – specifically Pennsylvania's role in improving water quality in the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays. For something different, we have selected the Eastern Shore of Maryland as our destination.

Register today and join the amazing Ride community while supporting PEC's trail work.



[Register](#)

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## Pennsylvania Legacies



### Deciding on Trails

Trails can be a tremendous economic opportunity for small towns – but all the funding and political muscle in the world won't matter if your trail project doesn't address real community needs and center community voices.

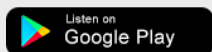
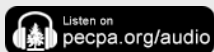
In her **new book**, trails advocate and community-builder **Amy Camp** explains why the most successful Trail Town initiatives are built on an authentic local "trails culture" and a community-wide decision to invest in trails.

## Listen



*The Pennsylvania Legacies podcast features conversations with community leaders, experts, thinkers, and citizens on the most important environmental and conservation issues facing Pennsylvania.*

*New episodes are posted every other Friday at [pecpa.org/audio](https://pecpa.org/audio) and are available on most podcast platforms.*



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## PEC in the News

- **DCNR Celebrates Shenango As 2021 River Of The Year At Paddle Fest Celebration**
- **Investment in trails is good for region**
- **Identify your watercraft with free kayak and canoe identification stickers**



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